

WSBIS Working Group Meeting 4/17/2014

Present: George, Steve, Roman, Rich, Margaret, Larry (Margaret & Larry via phone)

1. George let H&LP know that they will ultimately be able to use either NBE or BMS elements. Before H&LP migrates to the WSBIS application, the bridges that are on the NHS (which will be required to report NBE data) will be required to use BMS elements. These elements will get automatically translated for submittal. (Steve is working on creating a translator for the BRD.) Once H&LP is migrated, the decision can be made by H&LP if they want all agencies to use NBE, all agencies to use BMS, or if each agency can decide for themselves which way to go. The application will accept any of the three options.

George passed out the "Bridge Inventory Business and Element Data Address System – Conceptual" spreadsheet, which was briefly discussed.

2. Roman presented Larry's version of the WSBIS Working Group mission statement and goals (tasks). George expressed his concern that the FHWA has ultimate control over our data, and wanted concurrence from the group.

Larry believes we should have control over non-reportable data and that it should not concern the FHWA.

There was some disagreement as to whether the mission statement supports or does not support either philosophy of data management.

Steve suggested that George create an additional statement as to FHWA's primacy over the data.

Larry's revised goals need to be reviewed outside this meeting. George will do this and send the ammended mission statement, and any changes to the goals, to all for review/approval.

It was agreed that versions of the mission statement and goals should include a date as a way for the group to know which version they are looking at.

3. Permissions structure. The following items, which will fall under Harvey Coffman's (as Program Manager) control, were discussed:

- a. Obsoleting bridges: George stated that giving Harvey direct control over the obsoleting of bridge records was not delegatable. Larry expressed concern that it would create a lot of extra work. The logistics were discussed.

George said that this will be for both reportable and non-reportable records for now. It's possible that this may be refined in the future. Understood by all.

- b. Altering bridge ownership: Again, the logistics were discussed. Understood by all.

- c. Altering program and/or crossing manager: (this would include altering but not adding) Understood by all.

- d. Creating/altering external user access to the BEIS web site. Understood by all.

4. George briefly presented Zach Painter's data comparison tool. It compares the differences between enumerated data for the BPO and H&LP BridgeInventory databases. There is a spreadsheet available on the FTP site, which would be good to review for discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting on May 7.